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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the Hyperion environmental permit. I strongly encourage you to deny Hyperion the permit they have applied for. This 1 facility would more than double the yearly carbon dioxide output of the entire state of SD!

The refinery will be processing sour crude oil and producing massive amounts of sulfur every day. It only takes one accident to derail the 100 train box cars carrying this sulfur to irreparably damage the surrounding environment and the ground water.

As recently as 2007 the University of Texas School of Public Health showed that children living within two miles of the heavily industrialized Houston ship channel have a 56% greater risk of contracting acute lymphocytic leukemia than children living farther away.

The toxins that this refinery produces will surely have harmful effects on the good people of our state. It is your duty and your responsibility to protect the environment and the people of South Dakota.

Again, I strongly encourage you to deny this permit.

Sincerely,

Josh Hofland